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anew any of the data gathered by the Commission, and consequently have accepted its conclusions *verbatim*. It is because of these things that the book cannot be considered a contribution to the discussion of the question of immigration: the work of the Immigration Commission forms the contribution in this case, but the writer is not herein reviewing its *Reports*. A partial reprint, digest, or condensation must be judged solely on the basis of accuracy. It is this which has necessitated the proof-reading character of the foregoing review.

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NOTE

I am greatly indebted to Professor Cross for sending me a copy of his painstaking notes on *The Immigration Problem*.

Any such volume as this, if it is to do its work, should of course be published as promptly as possible. The authors, knowing that considerable time must elapse before the Commission's reports could be published, thought it desirable to use the earliest information that was available. They used, therefore, the first published pamphlet abstracts of the reports, which were afterward gathered into the two summary volumes. These pamphlet abstracts, though preliminary, had been read in proof and were presumably in good form. Later, however, when they were gathered into the summary volumes it was thought best by the Commission to verify once more the data which they contained. In this verification a large number of errors were found which were corrected in the volumes as published. Practically all of the mistakes found in the tables in *The Immigration Problem* are accounted for in this way. Note, for example, the tables on pp. 25 and 34. As a large proportion of the figures in the text were taken from tables, some of those errors are from this source, although doubtless others came in transcription or dictation.

Owing to the fact that for several months before the publication of the volume the authors were unable to meet and compare notes, a misunderstanding arose, so that a considerable portion of the book was not verified in the proofreading as the authors supposed had been done. Naturally, under those circumstances, other errors were not eliminated.

While I freely admit that even under these circumstances the number of proofreading errors in the early edition was altogether too large, some of the matters to which attention is called by Professor Cross are, in my opinion, matters of taste in printing; others are matters of judgment regarding the degree and type of condensation that is desir-

able. It should be noted, moreover, that none of the errors, from whatever sources arising, affect in the slightest degree the validity of any of the general opinions, judgments, or recommendations made by the authors.

They, nevertheless, were of course unwilling to have anything appear in the volume that was inaccurate whether or not the fault were theirs. As soon, therefore, as Professor Cross's letter had made it clear that there was a considerable number of errors, a careful verification was made of every figure in the book. The number of errors appearing to be too large to be covered by a mere list of *errata*, the authors, as soon as they could make the arrangement with the publishers, decided to withdraw this edition from the market, and the publishers were instructed to sell no further copies without notification to the intending purchaser that a new and revised edition was in course of preparation and would be furnished in the not distant future.

It is expected that the new edition will not merely correct all errors, but also be revised in other ways and furnish much new material, such as the publication of the census figures and other new data will make possible.

I recognize gladly my obligation to Professor Cross for his painstaking notes, while I wish that he had given some portion of his review to a discussion of the real questions at issue in the book, none of which, let me repeat, are in any way affected by these minor errors to which he has so carefully called attention.

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Auditing and Cost Accounts. Part I: Auditing. By SEYMOUR WALTON, C.P.A. *Part II. Cost Accounts.* By STEPHEN W. GILMAN, LL.B. (Vol. XI of *Modern Business*.) New York: Alexander Hamilton Institute. 1911. 8vo, pp. xx+512. \$2.50.

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